

**MINUTES
CITY OF EDINA MINNESOTA
ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION
EDINA CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM
Thursday November 8, 2012
7:01 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER 7:01p.m.

II. ROLL CALL Answering Roll Call was Brandt, Gubrud, Heer, Kostuch, Latham, Risser, Rudnicki, Sokol, Thompson, Zarrin, and Chair Sierks

Staff Present: Ross Bintner and Rebecca Foster

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion made by Member Gubrud and seconded by Member Latham to approve the Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes
- B. Attendance report and roster
- C. Workgroup list and minutes

Motion made by Member Latham and seconded by Member Gubrud to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

V. COMMUNITY COMMENT

Dustin Denison, Applied Energy Innovations, came to observe the Edina Emerald Energy Program report.

Kristopher Wilson, Edina Garbage Man, came to observe the Recycling & Solid Waste Working Group report.

VI. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. Recycling & Solid Waste. Member Latham reviewed the proposed updates to City Code Section 1300 – Collection and Disposal of Refuse and Recyclables licensing requirements. All license Haulers must conform to the proposed amended billing practices. Enforcement would be on a complaint basis. The City Attorney will need to review the proposed code if the City Council approves moving forward with the amendments. For transparency of base rates, all surcharges must be identified. Most Members think that if the new 1300.10 code has Subd. 1 (Advance notice of rate increase) & subd. 2 (Base rate with all taxes, fees and surcharges included) that Subd. 3 (Requirement of same rate for same service) will not be needed because it is the consumer's responsibility to research and understand their bill. There was a consensus for adding 1300.10 Subd. 1 & 2, but a roll call was taken for Subd. 3 regarding approving it.

Roll Call was taken on proposed 1300.10 Subd. 3 (Mandatory Uniform Rates:

Ayes: Gubrud, Latham, Zarrin

Nays: Heer, Risser, Rudnicki, Thompson and Chair Sierks

Abstain: Kostuch

Subd. 4 Members are in consensus that the City should extend the pickup period beginning date for yard waste from April 15 to April 1, but preferred to allow budget plans. All Members are in consensus on Subd.

5 requiring a hauler to retrieve their cart at no charge to the resident upon the resident's discontinuing service. The EEC would like to bring this revised code to a City Council Work Session in 2013.

Member Latham summarized the challenges regarding the proposed Commercial Recycling mandate with enforcement being the biggest problem given the lack of staff resources. Educating the business community on how to recycle, as well as assisting in removing any recycling barriers they may be experiencing, would be a better approach. Bill Neuendorf supported the education/barrier removal approach.

B. Air and Water Quality WG. The October meeting was cancelled.

C. Energy WG

- i. Emerald Energy Program Proposed Changes. Mr. Bintner reviewed the updates for the commercial program.
- ii. Residential Energy Project. Public comment was received from Dustin Denison proposing that EEEP include residential properties. Mr Denison is suggested that Bob and Audrey Aderhold be a pilot project and if successful, make revise EEEP accordingly.

Motion made by Member Latham and seconded by Member Gubrud to approve the Energy Working Group to review EEEP to possibly add residential property to the program. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Education Outreach WG

- i. November 15 Solar Workshop. Member Gubrud gave an update on the planning and advertising of the workshop.

E. Green Step Cities Review and (Concept steps 4-6). This topic was tabled.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE & PETITIONS

A. EEEP Letter from Rbt A. Aderhold. The letter was reviewed during Agenda Item VI.C.ii.

VIII. CHAIR AND COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

A. "Annual report" January meeting planning. This topic was tabled.

B. Wind and Solar Ordinance. This topic was referred to the Energy Working Group.

IX. STAFF COMMENTS

A. Bill Neuendorf – Economic Development Manager. Mr. Neuendorf introduced himself to the Commission.

B. Capital Improvement Program 2013-2017 Draft. Mr. Bintner reviewed the projects that had some clean water or energy relation to land or a building. EEC would like to see more Environmental Projects in the CIP. Member Kostuch would like to see the green procurement policy committee beactivated.

There being no further business on the Commission Agenda, Chair Sierks declared the meeting adjourned at 9:12p.m.

Motion made by Member Risser and seconded by Member Kostuch to adjourn meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Rebecca Foster

GIS Administrator